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**S. 2812**

**An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide a waiver of the oath of renunciation and allegiance for naturalization of aliens having certain disabilities**

*As cleared by the Congress on October 19, 2000*

Enacting this legislation would affect direct spending by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) and for a number of federal programs such as Medicaid, but CBO estimates that the act would have no significant impact on such spending in any year.

S. 2812 would permit the Attorney General to waive certain naturalization requirements for immigrants with certain disabilities. Naturalization could make some individuals eligible for certain federal benefit programs. However, because of the small number of persons likely to be affected by the act, CBO expects that any increase in direct spending for these programs would be insignificant.

Enacting S. 2812 also could result in an increase in applications for naturalization and thus a small increase in fees collected by the INS. The agency is authorized to spend such fees without further appropriation, so the net impact on INS spending would be negligible.

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